



Friday 22nd November 2024

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

It was lovely to welcome so many of you last night at our sixth form opening evening. Please get in touch with our sixth form team if you have any queries at all about life in sixth form at STM. We are very proud of the experience and opportunities we offer to young people post-16 - which includes our broad curriculum choice; personal development and wider leadership routes for pupils. This is in addition to our young people in sixth form being at the heart of our Catholic Life. We are about to launch our John Paul II Award with our current Year 12's as our Year 13 pupils have completed the award process over the last year. If you would like to know more about the award which is championed by our Diocese and YMT team please see this link:

[Hexham and Newcastle | Pope John Paul II Award](#)

Prayer Theme

'But in those days, after that time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will come falling out of the sky and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.' - Mark 13: 24 - 32.

- We have prayed together as a community:

Dear God,

Thank you for your words that guide us and remind us to stay close to you. Help us to live each day whenever you call us. Give us courage to face hard times and to remember that you are always with us. Teach us to be kind, patient, and hopeful, sharing your light with others. May we trust in your promise to return and bring peace and justice to the world.

Amen

Parking Outside of School

- A reminder for all to be vigilant when picking up and dropping off your children outside of school.
- We always strive to have members of staff at the school gate, but as you will know, it gets very busy outside of school.
- We ask all to be considerate of where they chose to park ensuring the highway code is followed at all times.

Cold Weather

- As it starts to get a bit colder can I please encourage you to ensure your child wears an outdoor coat to school.

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- A reminder that we did change our uniform policy in response to family feedback on coats and there is no need for outdoor coats to be navy blue or black. Any warm coat is fine!
- Pupils will, as much as possible, continue to be outside for break and lunchtime therefore a coat is essential.
- Thank you for your support with this.

End of term and cinema trip

- At the halfway point in the term we have shared our plans for the end of term.
- Please read them carefully as there are a number of important points to note.
- Full attendance in school is a legal and moral duty all year around and there are no exceptions at the end of term.
- This is an important time reviewing assessment results and closing any gaps in crucial learning, in addition to celebrating Advent.

[End of term arrangements](#)

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Year 13 parents evening - Thursday 5th December 4.00 pm - 6.30 pm

- Please read the letter regarding parents evening for Year 13 if you have not done so already.
[Year 13 Parents' Evening Letter 24-25](#)

FOOD DONATION CHECK LIST

THE ITEMS ON THIS LIST HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY OUR RECIPIENTS

Advent Appeal Reminder - Feeding Families

- Please send your child in with any donations next week before the boxes are collected on **Friday 29th November**
- Thank you for those received so far!

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BOMBAY MIX/ PRETZELS |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> TINNED TUNA | <input type="checkbox"/> MINCE PIES <small>(PLEASE CHECK BB DATE)</small> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TIN OF SOUP | <input type="checkbox"/> SWEETS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PART BAKED BREAD | <input type="checkbox"/> CHOCOLATE |
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SPREAD | <input type="checkbox"/> NUTS |
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World Youth Sunday - Sunday 24th November

- This Sunday is both the Feast of Christ the King and World Youth Day. Pope Francis calls the youth of the world to come together, to help each other and to build “The Kingdom of God on earth.” One way we can do this is through prayer and Pope Francis has called for 2024 to be ‘A Year of Prayer’ in preparation for The Year of Jubilee next year. Let us pray for all of our young people,



**Lord our God and Universal King, listen to our prayer which we make in trust and in humility and as we commend our young people to your care, bring us all to eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Please follow us on social media (**Facebook and Twitter STM_CS_Blaydon**) where we share regular updates from our school community.

Yours sincerely,

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